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Happy Birthday Revie

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Sweet but nasty ~ Bouquet for you

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BOUQUET FOR YOU

MOM, I WILL GO DELIVER THE FLOWERS TO NISHIKUBA-SAN NOW, SO TAKE CARE OF THE SHOP, OKAY!
rush
FLOWER SHOP
KAZUKI-CHAN!!!
OKAY!
TAKE CARE!!!
WELL THEN, OFF I GO!
YEAH, YEAH...
sigh
IS THIS WHAT PEOPLE CALL LABOUR-EXPLOIT
DON'T FORGET TO BRING THOSE COLD-SENSITIVE FLOWERS INSIDE THE SHOP
AH YES, WHEN IT GETS DARK,
YEAH, GOT IT PLEASE GO ALREADY!
really doesn't you in a hurry?

I'M YOUR SON, AND HERE YOU TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF IT...
BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED, OUR FAMILY IS SO POOR...
SIGH
CREACK
ACHOO!
SNEEZE
SNEEZE
SNIFFLE
UGH
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY? RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SHOP
UM... I'M SORRY, BUT YOU'LL AFFECT THOSE POTTED PLANTS...
HIN-DRANCE
EH?

ARE YOU OK?
DID HE CATCH A COLD?
AH... UM...
I MEAN, I'M ALLERGIC TO FLOWER POLLEN.
AH, I'M OK, REALLY. JUST A LITTLE POLLENOSIS.
AH!
AH, I...
I'M SOR...
ACHOO!!
Shudder
I... I SEE...
Hə Hə Hə...
What a snuffle...
BLOW
...BUT STILL, I DON'T THINK I HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE TO COME INTO THE SHOP...
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH ONE YET?
OKAY THEN, JUST TELL ME WHAT KIND OF FLOWERS YOU WISH, I'LL GET THEM AND WRAP IT UP FOR YOU
AH, A CUSTOMER THEN ♡
TALKING ABOUT THIS, I'VE COME TO BUY FLOWERS

A BOUQUET OF 50 ROSES, PLEASE...
!?
WHOA A SUPER GENEROUS CUSTOMER
GOT IT, A BOUQUET OF 50, RIGHT? IS IT OKAY IF THEY ARE ALL RED?
We are a little short on the other colors
IT'S OK. AS LONG AS THEY ARE ROSES
I UNDERSTAND. PLEASE WAIT FOR A MOMENT!
I WONDER
IS THIS A PRESENT FOR HIS GIRLFRIEND?
UNGH
.....
HERE YOU ARE!
TADAA!
BUT WITH A DRIPPING NOSE LIKE THIS...
SNEEZE SNEEZE
IS HE REALLY OK WITH THIS...

A BOX?
BUT I ASKED FOR A BOUQUET
UM. IT'S FOR TRANSPORT I PUT THE BOUQUET IN THIS BOX.
THIS WAY, IT'LL BE EASIER FOR YOU TO BRING IT ALONG, ISN'T IT?
AH
AND HERE.
THANKS!
EH?
WET TOWEL
ISN'T IT BETTER TO USE THIS TO WIPE YOUR FACE RATHER THAN TO USE YOUR HANDKERCHIEF?
IF IT'S OK WITH YOU, PLEASE USE IT!
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD KID.
THANK YOU!

SUCH A STRANGE GUY...
"GOOD KID"? HE LOOKS YOUNG AND HERE HE CALLS ME A KID?
YES?
ACHOO!
UM, NE... I'M ALREADY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...
THANKS FOR COMING TO OUR SHOP!
TRRR
click
HELLO, YAMAGUCHI FLOWER-SHOP
I'M HUNGRY!
HA!
MOM IS LATE...

EH?
HOSPI-TAL?
AH, SORRY..
I TROUBLED YOU AGAIN
THIS IS NOT THE TIME...
Pant
Pant
TO SAY SOME-THING LIKE THIS!!
DON'T I TELL YOU EVERYDAY TO BE CAREFUL WHEN DRIVING, MOM?
AH WELL, DON'T SHOUT
I'M A PATIENT, YOU KNOW?
GAAH——!!
BUT WHAT I'M WORRYING NOW IS ABOUT THE WORK AT OUR SHOP
Pant
really

SCRATCH
I JUST WISH DAD WAS STILL ALIVE
WHEN I CAN'T DEPEND ON MOM LIKE NOW...
NO NO
I CAN'T THINK LIKE THIS IT'S NOT LIKE IT WILL CHANGE ANYTHING AT ALL
AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
WELL, ISN'T IT GOOD TO HAVE A CHANGE?
YOU ALWAYS WANT TO HAVE A REST IN WORKING, RIGHT? THEN JUST LEISURELY REST AT HOME AND RECOVER, OKAY!
bump
!!
EH?
AHH!
I'M... I'M SORRY!
YOU ARE THAT BOY FROM EARLIER ...
HN?

HEY, HEY, DON'T YOU HAVE A BETTER DESCRIPTION...
YOU ARE THE MAN WITH THE DRIPPING NOSE FROM EARLIER...!?
ha ha ha
向
AH!
.....
WHO...?
Do I know him?
AH, MY MOTHER HAD A ACCIDENT.
ha ha ha
I'VE JUST VISITED HER, THAT IS...
her spirit's still fine though.
AH, I'M SORRY...
JUST THAT YOUR IMAGE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT...
YOUR MOTHER?
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT UM... HOW ABOUT THE WORK AT YOUR SHOP?
BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ME?

STILL, COMPARED WITH THE SHOP, I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT MY MEAL FROM NOW ON...
ahaha... instant food for more than a week... damn!
Sigh...
WELL, ABOUT THE SHOP. UNTIL MOTHER RECOVERS
I THINK I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SHOP BY MYSELF.
GIGGLE
I TAKE IT THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD DINNER YET, RIGHT?
IF YOU DON'T MIND, LET ME TREAT YOU FOR THE FAVOR AT THE SHOP TODAY!
EH!?
AH NO, IT'S OK REALLY... I SHOULDN'T BOTHER A STRANGER LIKE THAT!!
When I said that I didn't mean anything
MY NAME IS ETOU MAMORU.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
EH? I'M YAMAGUCHI KAZUKI!!
WELL THEN...
NOW WE ARE NOT STRANGERS ANYMORE, RIGHT?
gulp

OK, THANK YOU KINDLY FOR YOUR OFFER!
GREAT!
BOW
SUCH A STRANGE GUY.
BUT IT'S BETTER THAN BEING ALONE AT HOME...
BY THE WAY, IS IT OK IF YOU DON'T CONTACT YOUR HOME?
AH, DON'T WORRY. THERE'S NO ONE HOME NOW ANYWAY.
EH?
AT MY HOUSE, IT'S ONLY ME AND MY MOTHER
MY FATHER DIED IN AN ACCIDENT LAST YEAR.
ah, it's delicious
THAT...
YOU MUST BE LONELY...
TWITCH

LIKE RECENTLY, EVEN THOUGH SHE SAID IT'S OK,
I KNEW SHE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH OUR LAND-LORD.
MY MOTHER, SHE IS A VERY ENERGETIC PERSON,
ALWAYS MAKES SURE TO TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING.
IT HURTS ME TO SEE PEOPLE SHOW A PITY FACE
NOPE.
EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE TEND TO SAY THAT, I THINK IT'S FINE, REALLY
WHEN I HEARD THAT MOM HAD AN ACCIDENT
JUST LIKE TODAY...
AFTER ALL, I'M JUST A USELESS SON WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
SIGH
I WAS SUDDENLY AFRAID...
AFRAID OF BEING LEFT BEHIND ALONE

WHA...
WHAT'S WITH HIM...
BRUSH
YOU'RE REALLY A GENTLE KID!
RUSTLE
JUST WHEN PEOPLE ARE THAT FRAGILE —
I TOLD YOU TO NOT TREAT ME AS A KID...
WHY DID HE ACT LIKE THIS —
I'M FULL.
BOW
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!

I'M SUCH A FAILURE, CRYING BEFORE PEOPLE LIKE THIS
BYE THEN!
TURN
AH, WAIT...
COULD I ASK FOR YOUR HELP?
EH?
COULD YOU SEE WHAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THIS FLOWER?
I'LL PAY YOU BACK...
FLOWER?
withered
EEHHH?
That's bad?

roses are her favorites.
MY GRANDMOTHER IS A FLOWER-LOVING PERSON
SHE ESPECIALLY ASKED ME TO BRING HER FLOWERS WHEN I COME TO VISIT HER.
EH? DOES THAT MEAN THE BOUQUET TODAY IS FOR HER? NOT FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
WHAT?
WHEN I VISITED MY GRANDMOTHER TODAY, SHE ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF IT FOR HER.
BUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HOW TO TAKE CARE OF FLOWERS, SO—
HN? YOUR GRANDMOTHER?
BUT... DIDN'T YOUR GRANDMOTHER KNOW ABOUT YOUR FLOWER ALLERGY?
SHE KNEW IT.
RECENTLY, OUR OPINION ON BUSINESS WORK ARE ALWAYS DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER.
EVEN THOUGH I TRIED MY BEST TO GET ALONG...
UH
BUT YOU KNOW—
I MEAN—
YOUR GRANDMOTHER REALLY CARES FOR YOU, ETOU-SAN
PEOPLE WHO LOVE FLOWERS WILL NEVER GIVE THE FLOWERS THEY ESPECIALLY GREW THEMSELVES TO SOMEONE THEY HATE.

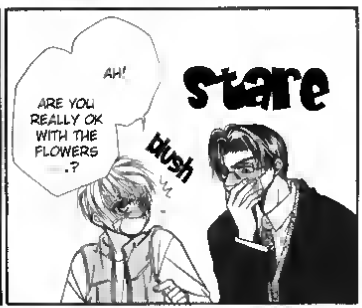
REALLY?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEAR ABOUT THIS...
RUSTLE
THANK YOU!
EH? THIS GUY, HE DID THAT AGAIN!?
PULL
PLEASE STOP IT!
GAAH!
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID, WILL YOU?
AH!
I'M SORRY!
SLIDE
EGA!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
ETOU-SAN, DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE A BRAT TO YOU?
OF COURSE NOT BUT STILL...
I REALLY THINK IT'S LUCKY FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO MEET YOU.
EH?

ACHOO!!
shudder
sniffle
AH!
I'M SORRY!
AH, UM...
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE FLOWER?
LOOKS LIKE ONLY THE ROOTS WENT BAD
I THINK MAYBE AFTER HALF A YEAR, THE FLOWERS WILL BLOOM AGAIN
AH, THAT'S GOOD
KAZUKI-KUN, YOU REALLY LOVE FLOWERS, DON'T YOU?
UH ...
LOVE, YOU SAID...
I.. I'VE BEEN HELPING IN THE SHOP SINCE I WAS A KID.
SO IT'S JUST NATURAL FOR ME TO KNOW ABOUT FLOWER STUFF..

BUT, I'M REALLY HAPPY THINKING THAT I'LL SUCCEED THE SHOP SOMEDAY
MAYBE I REALLY LIKE WORKING WITH FLOWERS AFTER ALL
GR
AB
UGH!
BUT BEFORE I EVEN HAVE THAT CHANCE...
THE SHOP MAYBE GOT SMASHED DOWN. AHH, PLEASE TELL ME IT'S JUST A JOKE
.....
EH?
SMASHED?
I DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH OUR LAND-LORD?
OUR SHOP'S PLACE IS RENT FROM THE LAND-LORD.
BUT WE HEARD THAT THE LAND CHANGED OF OWNERSHIP
THE RUMOUR IS THAT
THE NEW LANDLORD CONTRACTED A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO BUILD A BIG MANSION.

IF ONLY OUR FAMILY WAS A LITTLE RICHER...
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT...
EH?
IT WILL BE OK.
AH, I MEAN...
!!
IF IT'S KAZUKI-KUN...
YOU SURELY CAN SUCCEED YOUR FLOWER SHOP

IS IT OK FOR ME TO COME VISIT YOUR SHOP SOMETIMES?
I DON'T REALLY MIND, BUT...
AH...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS
WELL THEN, TIME TO GO HOME!
brush
STAND UP
SO SO EMBARRASSING..!!
flower allergic person
MY SHOP IS FLOWERS
will you be ok with this?
AH...
AHAHA... ARE YOU SERIOUS?
WELL.. I'LL WEAR A MASK THEN.
AFTER THAT
HERE YOU ARE!
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID "SOMETIMES", IN FACT ETOU-SAN CAME EVERYDAY..
FOOD SUPPLY!
YAMAGUCHI



EVEN THOUGH HE IS A STRANGE PERSON, WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER, SOMEHOW I FEEL RELIEVED

WITH ETOU-SAN COMING HERE
... I'M REALLY HAPPY
Can I bring it with me to visit grandmother tomorrow?
Eh? It's ok. But no flower is.
It's ok. At least the leaves are healthy.
EH? SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED?
YEAH... BUT MOM, IS IT REALLY OK FOR YOU TO MOVE AROUND?
IT'S OK. DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE DISCHARGED SOON
KAZUKI, YOU REALLY HAVE TO INTRODUCE ME TO THIS INTERESTING GUY, OKAY?
UM... OK.
AH, BY THE WAY...
HE SAID HE ALSO WILL GO AND VISIT HIS GRANDMA TODAY...
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE WE WILL MEET HIM HERE...
!?

EH?
IDIOT, YOU REALLY BROUGHT IT HERE, MAMORU?
EH? KAZUKI, WHAT'S WRONG?
He's really here?
DASH
JUST NOW, IS IT ETOU-SAN?
CAN YOU WAIT FOR ME A MINUTE?
SORRY, MOM
ETOU-SAN...?
IT'S OUR PROMISE, WASN'T IT, GRANDMA?
THAT IF I CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS FLOWER, YOU WILL HAND OVER THE LAND BUSINESS TO ME

BUT WHAT DID HE JUST MENTION ABOUT LAND?
THE FLOWERS ARE ALL GONE, AND YOU CALL THAT TAKING CARE OF IT?
COUGH
(cry)
I KNEW IT...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE AFTER HALF A YEAR, IT WILL BLOOM AGAIN
THEN OUR PROMISE...
NO. I HAVE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND ABOUT BUILDING THE MANSION.
SINCE YOUR FATHER PASSED AWAY, I KNOW YOU'VE TRIED YOUR BEST TO STRENGTHEN THE COMPANY
BUT THEN WHY BOTHER YOURSELF WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING HERE FIRST?
ISN'T IT BETTER FOR OUR COMPANY TO HAVE A NEW MANSION AND BUILDING?

clatter
!?
KAZUKI, WHAT'S WRONG? WHY SO SUDDENLY...
EH, THIS NAME...
507
Etou Tsubaki
ETOU TSUBAKI IS THE NAME OF OUR NEW LANDLORD, ISN'T IT?
WHICH?
KAZUKI-KUN.
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, ETOU-SAN?

THE TALK JUST NOW, IS IT TRUE ?
THAT YOU'RE THE GRANDSON OF THE LAND-LORD?
YES.
blush
SORRY FOR KEEPING SILENT
SLAP
PLAYING WITH OTHER'S EMOTIONS...
YOU'RE THE WORST!
WAIT, KAZUKI
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
DASH

BAM
THEN WHY? WHY DID HE ACT SO GENTLE WITH ME?
KAZUKI-KUN!
KAZUKI-KUN, ARE YOU THERE!?
BANG
BANG
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... WHAT DID HE COME HERE FOR?
GO AWAY!
YOU'RE BOTHERING THE NEIGHBOURS.
Don't bash the shutters
YOU SURELY CAN SUCCEED YOUR FLOWER SHOP
UNTIL YOU OPEN THIS DOOR
I DON'T INTEND TO LEAVE!
!!
YAMAGUCHI

clunk
!!
clang
THIS TIME
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LIE ABOUT...
grab
crash
I'M SORRY!
WHA... WHAT...!
GAAH

NO WAY... I'M CRYING...
FU...
I'M NOT PLAYING ANYTHING...
UNTIL NOW, YOU'RE ALWAYS PLAYING WITH ME...
AH
LET GO!
DON'T TOUCH ME...
ENOUGH I'LL NEVER BELIEVE IN YOUR WORDS AGAIN...
SOMEONE LIKE YOU. I HATE YOU...

!?
GRAB
NO
...
WHY... WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
Hah
NO WAY
flop
SLIP
JUST AS I THOUGHT... I LOVE HIM.

EH!?
YOU... I TOLD YOU TO NOT LIE TO ME..
.....
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S YOUR LAND'S CERTIFICATE PAPER
WHY DO I HAVE TO REALIZE IT AT TIME LIKE THIS?
AT FIRST...
FOR THE COMPANY'S SAKE, I AGREED WITH MY GRANDMA'S PLAN.
BUT AFTER MEETING YOU, I CHANGED MY MIND
HERE...
BECAUSE KAZUKI-KUN WILL SUCCEED THE SHOP SOMEDAY...
I REALLY WANT TO SEE THIS DAY..
I CAME TO GIVE YOU THIS.

BECAUSE MY MOTIVE WASN'T CLEAR...
HOWEVER...
I HAVE CAUSED YOU TROUBLE...
IT'S NOT A LIE
YOU'RE LYING AGAIN... WHY IS IT BECAUSE OF ME...
blush
I REALLY...
REALLY LOVE THIS GUY!
grab
IT'S OK
KAZUKI-KUN...
HAA...

I'M SORRY... JUST CARELESSLY FORGOT MY MASK...
ARE YOU OK?
HACHOO!!
!?
at a time like this
BUT STILL, IS IT REALLY OK TO BRING ME THIS?
...the kinds certificate... you know?
DON'T WORRY...
GRANDMA WILL NOT BE ANGRY IF I USED IT THAT WAY... I THINK?!
Did I fall for that cuteness of him?
CUTE
BUT LIKE THIS...
IT'S REALLY THE ETOU-SAN I KNEW...
At the same time, Kazuki's mom is..
Great!
Even though he's a guy too Well, doesn't matter
My son got attached with the landlord's grandson!
END
YAMAGU